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MONTHLY SEISMIC CREW COUNT (Month of March, 1985)

The number of seismic land crews and marine vessels searching for oil and gas in the U.S. and U.S. waters during March decreased by eighteen from the February total. The land crew total decreased by twenty crews and the marine crew total increased by two crews for a net decrease of eighteen.

The March total (388) represents a decrease of 4% from last month, an 18% decrease from March, 1984, a 13% decrease from March, 1983, a 40% decrease from March, 1982, a 36% decrease from March, 1981, a 19% decrease from March, 1980, and a gain of 7% over the same month in 1979.

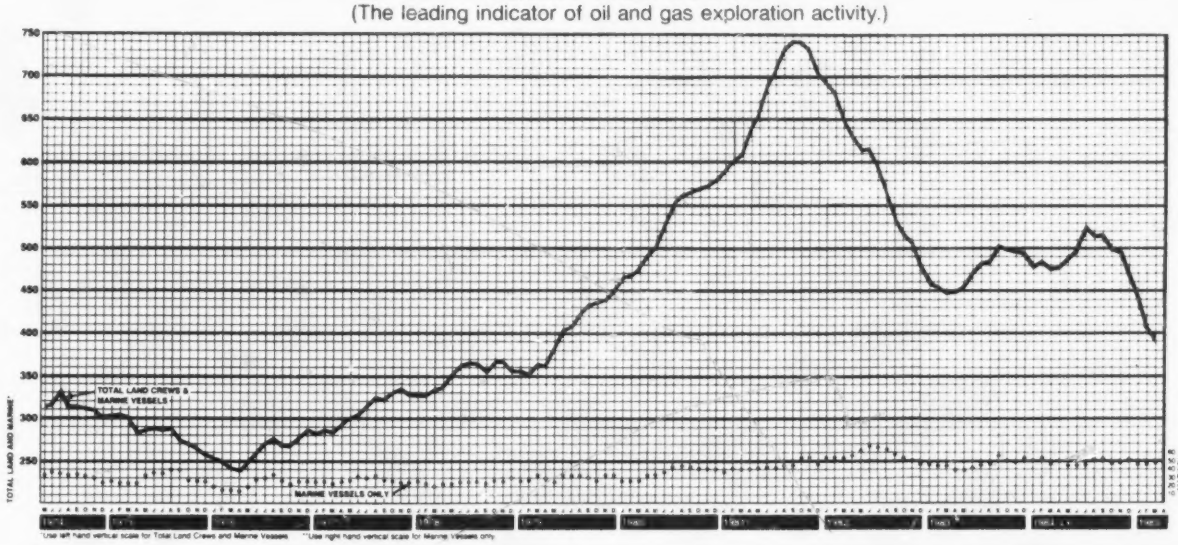
During March, eleven contractors were operating twenty-four of the 306 land crews and eight of the forty vessels on a speculative basis.

TOTAL LAND & MARINE CREWS:	This Month	Last Month	Mar. 84	Mar. 83	Mar. 82	Mar. 81	Mar. 80	Mar. 79
	388	406	471	447	649	610	477	364

	LAND CREWS								MARINE VESSELS							
	This Mo.	Last Mo.	Mar. 1984	Mar. 1983	Mar. 1982	Mar. 1981	Mar. 1980	Mar. 1979	This Mo.	Last Mo.	Mar. 1984	Mar. 1983	Mar. 1982	Mar. 1981	Mar. 1980	Mar. 1979
70 Contr's:	306	326	386	360	554	529	409	295	40	38	39	38	45	33	23	24
10 Oil Co's:	34	34	38	42	43	41	39	37	7	7	8	7	7	7	6	7
1 Gov't.:	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Totals:	340	360	424	402	597	570	448	332	48	46	47	45	52	40	29	32

SEISMIC CREW COUNT

(The leading indicator of oil and gas exploration activity.)



*Results of SEG's Seismic Crew Count of land and marine vessels engaged in exploration for oil and gas in the USA and USA waters, including Alaska, for the month indicated. These figures are compiled from data reported by oil companies operating company-owned seismic exploration crews and vessels and by contract seismic exploration companies. Special significance is attached to seismic crew activity since it is recognized as the leading indicator of all petroleum exploration activity.

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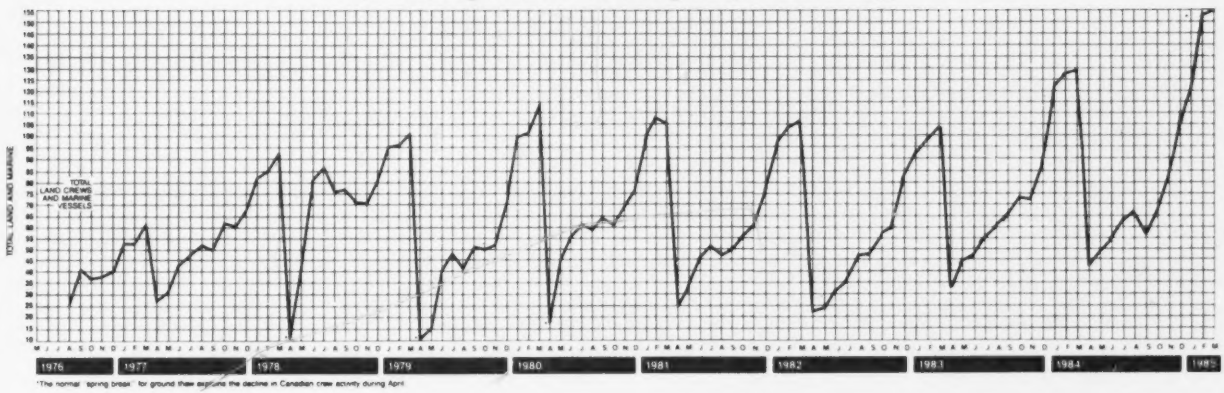
CANADIAN SEISMIC CREW COUNT

March, 1985 (February figures in parentheses)

	Land Crews	Marine Vessels
37 Contractors:	150 (149)	3 (1)
2 Oil Companies:	3 (3)	0 (0)
Totals:	153 (152)	3 (1)

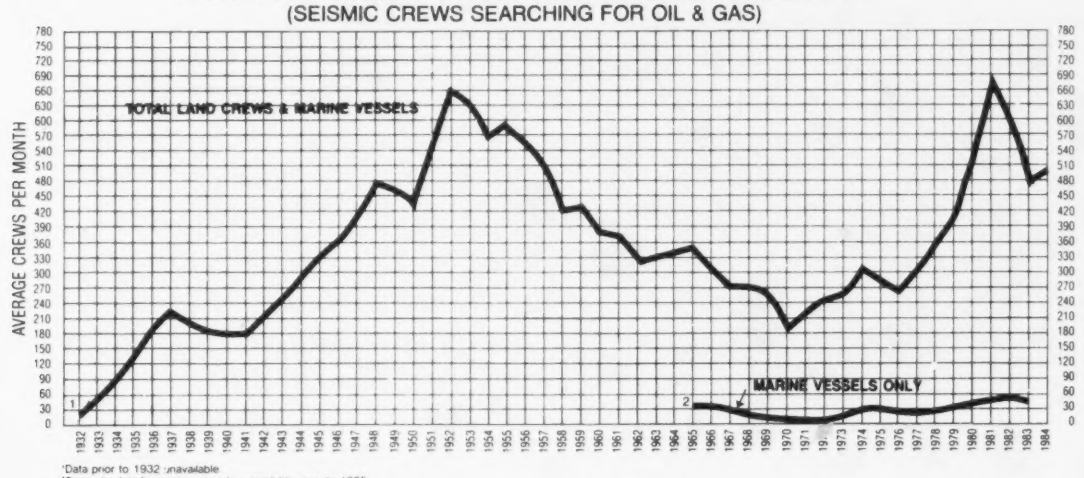
CANADIAN SEISMIC CREW COUNT
(The leading indicator of oil and gas exploration activity.)



*The normal 'spring break' for ground thaw explains the decline in Canadian crew activity during April

SEG's monthly USA Seismic Crew survey was organized in 1974 at the request of the United States' Federal Energy Administration. The report is currently submitted to the U.S. Department of Energy. Both the U.S. and the international surveys are financed in part by a grant from the International Association of Geophysical Contractors.

HISTORY OF SEISMIC EXPLORATION IN THE UNITED STATES
(SEISMIC CREWS SEARCHING FOR OIL & GAS)



[1]Data prior to 1932 unavailable
[2]Separate data for marine vessels unavailable prior to 1965